



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Sexual assault is a crime and is a major public concern for our nation and state; and
- WHEREAS: All individuals have a basic right to safety from harm by others. Sexual assault affects people of all ages, races, socioeconomic, educational, religious, and occupational segments of our society; and
- WHEREAS: The effects of sexual assault are devastating and can have long term effects on victims because it violates their safety, security, and humanity. These effects are also seen in families, communities, schools, and workplaces; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia communities deserve to be safe and protected from sexual assault. The State of Georgia, in collaboration with local sexual assault centers and communities, supports victims and holds perpetrators accountable in ending sexual assault; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage all citizens to make this the beginning of the end of sexual violence.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris M. Riley
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